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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS ON REOPENING NICOSIA AIRPORT

1. GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS MAY 4 REPORTED THAT TURKISH
CYPRIOTS WERE PROPOSING REOPENING OF NICOSIA AIRPORT
AND MANNING OF ITS OPERATIONS ON A 70 TO 30 PERCENT
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RATION AS STIPULATED IN LONDON/ZURICH AGREEMENTS.
ALLEGED OFFER WAS MADE BY REPRESENTATIVES OF TURKISH
CYPRIOT AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS TO THEIR GREEK CYPRIOT
COUNTER PARTS ON BEHALF OF TFSC "PRESIDENT" DENKTASH AT
17TH ANNUAL CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF
AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS ASSOCIATION (IFATCA) IN COPENHAGEN.
GOC HAS NOT COMMENTED ON REPORT.

2. TFSC "PRIMIN" OREK AND MIN TOURISM AND INFORMATION
CELIK AT PRIVATE LUNCHEON WITH AMBASSADOR SAME DAY,
EMPHATICALLY DENIED THAT TURKISH CYPRIOTS WOULD AGREE TO
REOPENING OF AIRPORT ON 70 - 30 BASIS. THEY INSISTED
THAT TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS REMAINED THAT
MANAGERIAL POSITIONS AND ADMINISTRATION BE EQUALLY SHARED.
OREK AND CELIK SUGGESTED THAT STORY WAS A GREEK CYPRIOT
PROPAGANDA PLOY TO MAKE TURKISH SIDE APPEAR INTRANSIGENT
AS TFSC WOULD HAVE TO REFUTE THE STORY AND INSIST ON EQUAL
PARTICIPATION. (TFSC "MINTRANSPORT" MADE PUBLIC STATEMENT THIS
EFFECT LATER MAY 5.)

3. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, TURKISH CYPRIOT AIR
TRAFFIC CONTROLERS' APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN IFATCA
WAS REJECTED. REPORTS ALSO STATE THAT TURKISH CYPRIOTS
ASKED TO JOIN THE GREEK CYPRIOT ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER
ACCORDING TO TURKISH CYPRIOT RADIO BAYRAK, TURKISH CYPRIOTS
PROPOSED FORMATION OF A FEDERAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP IN IFATCA.

4. COMMENT. REOPENING OF NICOSIA AIRPORT ON A 70 - 30
BASIS WOULD HAVE REPRESENTED SIGNIFICANT REVERSAL IN TURKISH
CYPRIOT POSITION. FURTHERMORE IT WOULD BE COMPLETELY AT
ODDS WITH ENTIRE PACKAGE OF TURKISH CYPRIOT NEGOTIATING
PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO UNSYG WALDHEIM, WHICH INSIST ON
50/50 REPRESENTATION IN ALL FACETS OF FEDERAL RESPONSIBILITIES.
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